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**ASSERTION OF ENTITLEMENT TO  
SMALL ENTITY STATUS UNDER 37 CFR  
§ 1.27**

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Sir:

In connection with the above-referenced application, it is hereby asserted that the Assignee herein claims entitlement to small entity status as a small business concern under 37 CFR §1.27.

This assertion is being made by an attorney of record.

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